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TOWN OF MANSFIELD ■ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes ■ December 4, 2012
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: Rawn (chair), Plante, Lennon, Reich, Hart, Ferrigno

Staff Present: Hultgren

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chair Rawn.

Public Comment

- Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, again expressed her concern that the committee may be overstepping its charge by considering more than the procurement of water for the 4 corners area.
- David Freudmann, 22 Eastwood Road, disclosed his membership on the Town Council and Finance Committee and indicated that he was speaking only as a resident of the town. He said he agreed with Ms. Wassmundt on the committee charge issue and that he felt things were considerably different now with the UConn tech park than they were 3 years ago when the Town/committee was considering water for 4 corners. He cautioned the committee to not let the Town be taken advantage of by the University and its needs.
- Pat Supernant, Storrs, said there were many unanswered questions in the EIE and missing information. She stressed that effects on natural ecosystems/watersheds by the moving/withdrawal of water were not adequately considered and noted that the situation was similar to the “tragedy of the commons”. She also said the EIE needed more detailed information on governance and finance, the state plan of conservation and development, the increase in water needs from the original scope to almost 2 MGD and the “no project” consideration.

Approval of Minutes

- November 15, 2012: Reich MOVED, Lennon SECONDED to approve the November 15, 2012 minutes as written; the motion passed with all in favor except Plante who abstained.
- November 29, 2012: Reich MOVED, Lennon SECONDED to approve the November 29, 2012 minutes as written; the motion passed with all in favor except Plante who abstained.

UConn Water Supply EIE

Chair Rawn then invited written comments from committee members on the Water Supply EIE to be included in the committee’s transmittal to the Town Manager and Town Council. Members Reich, Rawn, Plante and Ferrigno submitted comments (Ferrigno’s were already given to Manager Hart) and either read or paraphrased them at the meeting. These are attached to these minutes.

Future Meetings

A revised meeting schedule for 2013 was distributed and approved on a motion by Reich/Plante.

The next meeting was set for January 8, 2103. Two items were discussed to be included on this agenda: The UConn Tech Park (public meeting this Thursday at 7 PM) and the Water Supply EIE public hearing (Dec 11th).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion by Reich/Lennon.

Respectfully submitted,
Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works